

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a laundry ~~device~~ machine comprising:

 ~~a sterilizing step for supplying steam to an inside of a tub or drum having laundry~~
introduced thereto at a temperature suitable to sterilize or sanitize ~~for progressing sterilizing~~
~~and/or soaking of the laundry;~~

 ~~a washing water supply step for supplying washing water to an inside of the tub or drum~~
proportional ~~having the laundry introduced thereto according to an amount of the laundry;~~

 ~~a washing the laundry while step for rotating the drum for a preset time period to perform~~
washing;

 ~~rinsing the laundry a rinsing step for performing rinsing at least once upon finish of when~~
washing the laundry is finished; and

 ~~spinning the laundry by rotating the tub or drum a spinning step for performing a final~~
~~spinning cycle when upon finish of the rinsing the laundry is finished, which are to be progressed~~
~~in succession.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ supplying the
steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam ~~sterilizing step is~~
~~performed~~ continuously for a time period enough to soak the laundry with the steam.
3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the supplying steam
to sterilize or sanitize the laundry, further comprises supplying steam ~~sterilizing step has for a~~
cycle time period shorter than a cycle time period of ~~the~~ washing the laundry ~~washing step~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supplying the steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam at a temperature that can kill various microbes in the laundry ~~steam supplied in the sterilizing step has a temperature the same with, or higher than a temperature at which sterilizing of the laundry is possible.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprises supplying steam to the tub or drum after spinning the laundry to freshen the laundry after the final spinning is finished ~~comprising a refresh step for putting the steam supplying part into operation after the final spinning step is performed, for spraying steam to the inside of the drum having the laundry introduced thereto.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein supplying steam to refreshen the laundry further comprises supplying steam at ~~wherein the steam supplied in the refresh step has a temperature that is the same with as, or higher than a temperature at which steam is supplied to sterilize or sanitize~~ sterilizing of the laundry is possible.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein supplying steam to refreshen the laundry further comprises supplying steam ~~wherein the refresh step is performed only for a time period enough to refresh the laundry in the tub or drum, of which washing is finished.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further ~~comprising the step of~~ comprises stopping operation of the a steam supplying part generator before supplying the washing water into the tub or drum ~~supply step is performed.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a laundry device comprising:

~~a washing water supply step for supplying washing water to an inside of a tub or drum~~
having laundry introduced thereto ~~according~~ proportional to an amount of the laundry;

~~a washing step for rotating the tub or drum for a preset time period to perform~~ during
washing;

~~an intermediate spinning step for draining residual washing water as well as~~ while
performing intermediate spinning of the tub or drum at a high speed for making an intermediate
extraction of water when the washing is finished;

~~a sterilizing step for putting a steam supplying part into operation for spraying~~ supplying
steam into the ~~inside of the tub or drum having the laundry introduced thereto for~~ to sterilize or
sanitize ~~sterilizing~~ the laundry when the intermediate spinning is finished;

~~a rinsing step for performing~~ rinsing at least once when supplying the steam to sterilize
the laundry is finished ~~upon finish of sterilizing~~; and

~~a final spinning step for performing a final spinning cycle~~ when ~~upon finish of the rinsing~~
is finished;

~~which are to be progressed in succession.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein supplying steam to
sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam at a temperature that can kill
various microbes in the laundry ~~wherein the steam supplied in the sterilizing step has a~~
~~temperature higher than a temperature at which sterilizing of the laundry is possible.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein supplying steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam ~~wherein the sterilizing step is performed~~ for a time period long enough to sterilize ~~kill~~ various microbes.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprises supplying steam to the tub or drum after final spinning is finished to refreshen laundry ~~comprising a refresh step for putting the steam supplying part into operation to spray steam into an inside of the drum having the laundry introduced thereto after the final spinning step is performed.~~

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein supplying steam to refreshen the laundry further comprises supplying steam at the steam supplied in the refresh ~~step~~ has a temperature higher than a temperature at which the laundry is sterilized or sanitized ~~sterilizing of the laundry is possible.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein supplying steam to refreshen the laundry further comprises supplying steam ~~the refresh step is performed only~~ for a time period long enough to refreshen the laundry in the tub or drum, ~~of which washing is finished.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a laundry device comprising:

~~a washing water supply step for supplying washing water to an inside of a tub or drum~~
having laundry introduced thereto;

~~a washing step for rotating the tub or drum for a preset time period to perform~~ during
washing;

~~an intermediate spinning step for draining residual washing water as well as~~ while
~~performing intermediate spinning of the tub or drum at a high speed for making an intermediate~~
extraction of water when the washing is finished;

~~a rinsing step for performing rinsing at least twice with cold and warm water, alternately~~
~~upon finish of~~ when the intermediate spinning is finished ~~with cold and warm water, alternately;~~
and

~~a final spinning step for performing a final spinning cycle~~ when upon finish of the rinsing
is finished, which are to be progressed in succession.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the ~~rising~~ rinsing
is performed in step ~~is made by progressing~~ the following steps in succession:

~~a first rinsing step for performing~~ a first rinsing with the cold washing water,

~~a second rinsing step for performing~~ a second rinsing with the warm washing water after
~~finish of the first rinsing~~ is finished ~~step~~, and

~~a third rinsing step for performing~~ a third rinsing with the cold washing water.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 16, further comprising
performing an intermediate spinning step between the first, and second rinsing steps, and
between the second, and third rinsing steps.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a
sterilizing step supplying steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry before supplying washing
water for putting a steam supplying part into operation before the washing water supply step is

~~performed, for spraying steam into an inside of the drum having the laundry introduced thereto to soak the laundry.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ supplying steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam ~~sterilizing step is performed~~ continuously for a time period long enough to soak the laundry in the drum.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ supplying steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry ~~sterilizing step~~ further comprises supplying steam ~~is performed~~ for a time period shorter than a cycle time period of ~~the~~ washing step the laundry.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein supplying steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam at a temperature that can kill various microbes in the laundry ~~the sterilizing step is provided at a temperature higher than a temperature at which sterilizing of the laundry is possible.~~

22-26 (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprises supplying steam at a temperature that can kill various microbes ~~wherein the steam supplied in the sterilizing step has a temperature the same with, or higher than a temperature at which sterilizing of the laundry is possible.~~

28. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein supplying steam to sterilize or sanitize the laundry further comprises supplying steam at a temperature that is at least 60° C.